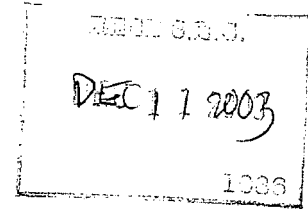


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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies^{-ol} approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Northwest Airlines, Inc. (Northwest Airlines Corporation), 10.5% Class D Pass Through Certificates, Series 2003-1 (and guarantees of underlying payments) and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on December 11, 2003. Tentative listing date – December 15, 2003.

Sincerely,